

**Thomas Addenbrooke to George Washington,  
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**FROM THOMAS ADDENBROOKE, ESQ. <sup>1</sup>**

16th December 1771

SIR/

I have been Informd by My Mother and by some papers in my Custody find that my Grandfathers Mother a young Widdow her name Broadhurst, Married a Gentleman Called Collonel Washington of Virginia,<sup>2</sup> one of your Ancestors, if so I have the Honour of being a relation to you, which makes me take the Liberty to Trouble you With an Enquiry after an Estate which belonged to my Grandfather, and an Estate left my Mother and her Sisters by their Unkle Gerrard Broadhurst. After the Death of my Grandfather the Daughters sent one Person to Virginia to Manage their Affairs and imprudently Trusted him with their Writeings, he for some Years made them regular remittances Afterwards took no Notice of their Affairs, by What I can learn kept possession as his Own, as the Estate I believe Joyns to yours shall take it as the Greatest favour you Woud inform me of the Situation of the Estate and Persons heirs, and if you think the Estate is recoverable I am the only representative of the Family of Broadhurst, My Grandfather<sup>3</sup> left Virginia at the Age of 9 Years to take Possession of some Effects left him by an Unkle in Shropshire in England—

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as I am Unacquainted with any body in Virginia beg you will Excuse the Trouble I give you in this Affair, the favour of an Answer to this will be gratefully Acknowledged

by Sir Your Most Obedient Humble Servt To Comd THOS. ADDENBROOKE

at COALBROOKDALE near Shiffnall in Shropshire England—

1 Burke's Landed Gentry mentions a Thomas Addenbrooke being appointed one of the governors of King Edward's school, Stourbridge, by the charter of 1752.

2 Tyler, in the William and Mary Quarterly, says: "The will of Col. John Washington, the immigrant, speaks of a second wife; but it has been supposed that this wife (name unknown) preceded the marriage to Anne Pope. I am satisfied that the first wife of Colonel Washington was Anne Pope, and that the second wife was Anne, widow of Walter Brodhurst." Walter Brodhurst, who came to Virginia about the same time as Dr. Gerrard, was the son of William Brodhurst, of Lilleshall, Shropshire County, England.

3 Walter Brodhurst, son of Walter and Anne Brodhurst.